

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Lilac to close south of Highland for safety



Drivers traveling north on Lilac Avenue no longer will be able to have access to Highland Avenue, starting November 14. The permanent closure of the Lilac/Highland intersection south of Highland — via a chainlink fence — is being implemented for improved safety.

Groups of students have been using Lilac to cross Highland Avenue, which does not have a crosswalk or signal for safe crossing. The recent widening of Highland Avenue near Lilac makes crossing in this location especially dangerous. Signs are now posted to notify students, as well as other pedestrians, to use Cactus Avenue as a safe location to cross the street.

In the future, a pedestrian bridge will be built at Lilac. This work will be part of the freeway mainline contract that is expected to be awarded by mid-2004.

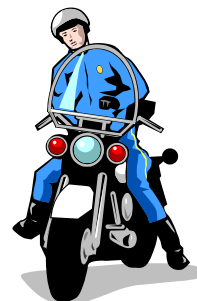
## SANBAG provides funding for traffic enforcement

SANBAG's Board of Directors approved a funding agreement with the City of Rialto for a motorcycle police officer and crossing guards for selected Rialto schools to help control traffic and prevent accidents during Route 210 construction.

The opening of Easton Street last month and the planned opening of the Highland Avenue Detour late next spring or summer are expected to increase the number of drivers on city streets. Already, vehicles are traveling at high rates of speed on the newly opened Easton, and school children are crossing streets at unsafe locations.

Board members gave the green light to provide up to \$75,000 per year to the city for a motorcycle officer to patrol construction zones during two morning peak commute hours and three afternoon peak commute hours, Monday through Friday. An additional \$15,000 per year was approved to support funding for crossing guards for Rialto Unified School District campuses that are near the detour route.

Drivers are reminded to "Slow for the Cone Zone" and to be patient during freeway construction.



## Caltrans on schedule for Segment 8

Construction of State Route 210 Segment 8, the section from Sierra to Linden Avenue, is more than 15 percent complete, according to staff at Caltrans.

The Locust Avenue bridge and Casmalia Street will be complete by early 2004. The bridge at Alder Avenue is expected to be finished by next summer, said Tim Watkins, public information officer for Caltrans.

Upon completion of the Locust bridge, work will start immediately on the bridge at Alder Avenue. Traffic will be switched at that time to Locust Avenue for north and south travel.